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LOK SABHA

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BENEFITS TO DROUGHT PRONE AREAS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has executed/proposes to execute any work through rivers and channels for the drought affected areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (b) Irrigation is a State subject and Planning, execution, priority of execution as well as funding of irrigation projects is within the purview of the respective State Governments. Government of India provides Central Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme to eligible major/medium irrigation projects and surface water minor irrigation schemes on the basis of proposals to avail Central assistance under AIBP received from respective State Governments and in accordance with guidelines of the AIBP in force.

As per prevailing guidelines, surface water minor irrigation schemes of special category States and drought prone/tribal area of non special category States are eligible for 90% grant of the project cost included in the AIBP. The major and medium irrigation projects benefiting drought prone/tribal areas are also eligible for grant up to 90% of project cost included in the AIBP. The extent of grant provided is based on the drought prone/tribal areas benefited from the project and such areas included in the AIBP.